

American Indian and Total Population for Fort Peck Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Fort Peck Reservation	6,391	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Daniels County	26	24	25	25	25	26
Roosevelt County	5,921	5,919	5,943	6,015	6,128	6,227
Brockton	208	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poplar	580	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wolf Point	1,079	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sheridan County	50	51	49	50	55	58
Reserve CDP*	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Valley County	723	755	693	695	733	707
Frazer CDP*	418	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Population						
Geography	Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Fort Peck Reservation	10,321	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Daniels County	2,017	2,014	1,934	1,918	1,847	1,836
Roosevelt County	10,620	10,573	10,432	10,416	10,576	10,524
Brockton	245	244	241	240	244	243
Poplar	911	907	896	894	906	904
Wolf Point	2,663	2,655	2,619	2,615	2,653	2,623
Sheridan County	4,105	3,947	3,806	3,657	3,638	3,524
Reserve CDP*	37	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Valley County	7,675	7,533	7,397	7,299	7,243	7,143
Frazer CDP*	452	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

n/a = Not available

*Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

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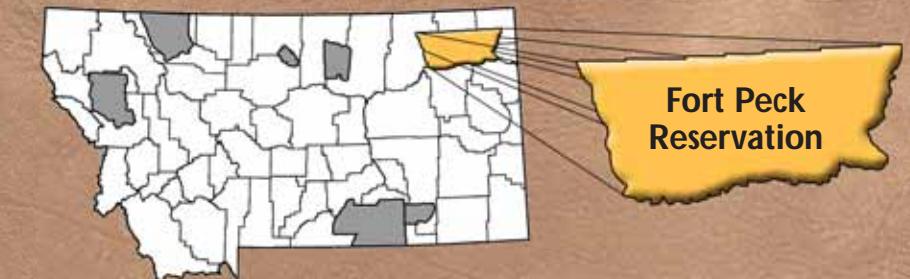
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Fort Peck Reservation

The Fort Peck reservation, centered in Poplar, is the second largest reservation in Montana, covering over two million acres of land, and is home to nearly half of the 11,755 enrolled Sioux and Assiniboine tribal members.

Unlike most rural areas which are losing population, reservations such as Fort Peck are experiencing an increase. According to the Assiniboine Sioux Tribal Enterprise Community, nearly half of their enrolled members are below the age of 18. The Fort Peck Community College has taken a progressive stance in developing distance learning capabilities and entering into partnerships with post secondary institutions to offer local academic programs in teacher training and business administration leading to bachelor's and master's degrees for tribal youth.

The majority of employment is supplied by the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, which provide work to 400 employees in government. Tribally owned businesses account for 96 employees, while Fort Peck Community College has 81 employees. The Bureau of Indian Affairs provides federal employment to 59 employees and the Verne E Gibbs Indian Health Service has 117 employees (employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly).

The Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Enterprise Community, a partnership program between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local/tribal governments, has emerged as a key driving force in the economic development efforts of the Fort Peck Reservation. Tribally-owned entities, such as Assiniboine and Sioux Diversified (20 employees, with anticipated doubling of the workforce in 2006), West Electronics (20 employees), Fort Peck Tech (20 employees), Integrated Solutions (25 employees), local convenience stores (20 employees), and the Farm & Ranch (10 employees), gain experience in competing in global markets and in improving their profit margins.*

According to the Foundation for the American Indian, A&S Diversified is a substantial minority-owned subcontractor for the Department of Defense, providing work for tribal members in metal fabrication and production sewing in their 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility. For the past three years, ASTI has been engaged in a Mentor Protégé Agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation, the 2nd largest defense contractor to the U.S. government.*

Integrated Solutions, an information technology service located in downtown Wolf Point, contracted with Avanade, a Microsoft affiliate, to perform software testing for a Medicaid program valued at \$292,500, and currently boasts 16 tribal employees of their available 25 positions. Integrated Solutions, Fort Peck Tribal College, and Avanade worked together to design a training curriculum to provide students with the technical expertise and education employees need to be job ready.

*Source: USDA, *Rural Development, Rural Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program, 2003 Annual Report*.

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Fort Peck Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
Farms		
Farms: (number)	548	94
Land in farms (acres)	1,774,370	599,892
Average size of farms (acres)	3,238	6,382
Farms by size: (number)		
Less than 1,000 acres	187	27
1,000 acres or more	361	67
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)		
Less than \$100,000	358	57
\$100,000 or more	190	37
Farms by type of organization: (number)		
Family, Individual, Partnership	472	83
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	76	11

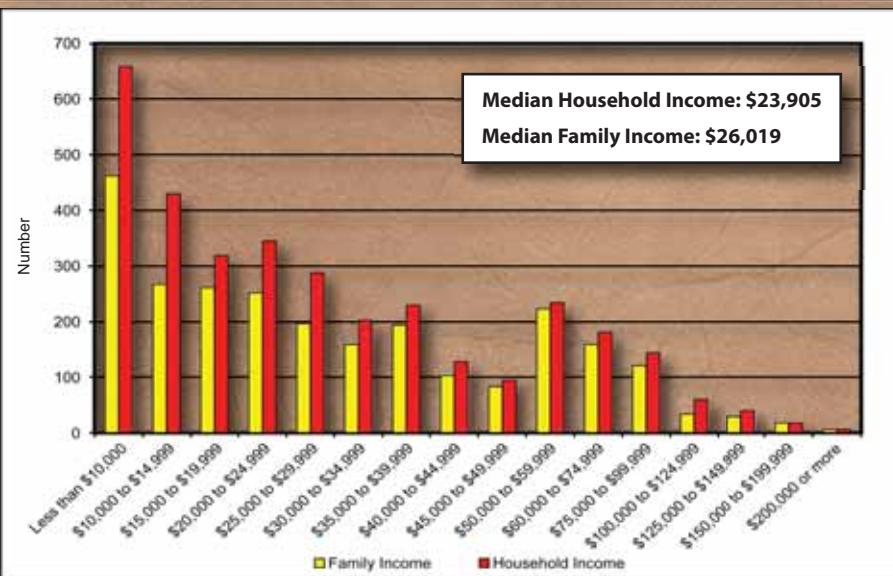
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested		
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)		
Cattle and calves	38,884	7,072
Hogs and pigs	1,184	-
Sheep and lambs	2,941	330
Horses and ponies	1,270	428
Bison	122	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	532	-
Crops Harvested (acres)		
Corn for grain	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	575	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	424,383	59,481
Winter wheat for grain	448	-
Durum wheat for grain	114,282	13,485
Spring wheat for grain	309,653	45,996
Barley for grain	13,426	1,330
Oats for grain	1,286	145
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	77,931	13,459

Operator Demographics		
Primary occupation: (number)		
Farming	619	79
Other	214	28
Place of residence: (number)		
On farm operated	658	86
Not on farm operated	175	21
Years on present farm: (number)		
Less than 10 years	211	40
10 years or more	622	67
Age group: (number)		
Under 55 years	496	66
55 years and over	337	41
Average age of all operators: (number)	52.3	50.6

(D): Not Disclosable

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Fort Peck Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Fort Peck Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.8%	32.0%
Associate Degree	7.9%	8.3%
Bachelor's Degree	11.9%	7.1%
Master's Degree	1.6%	0.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	63.2%	51.0%
Renter Occupied	36.8%	49.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Fort Peck Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

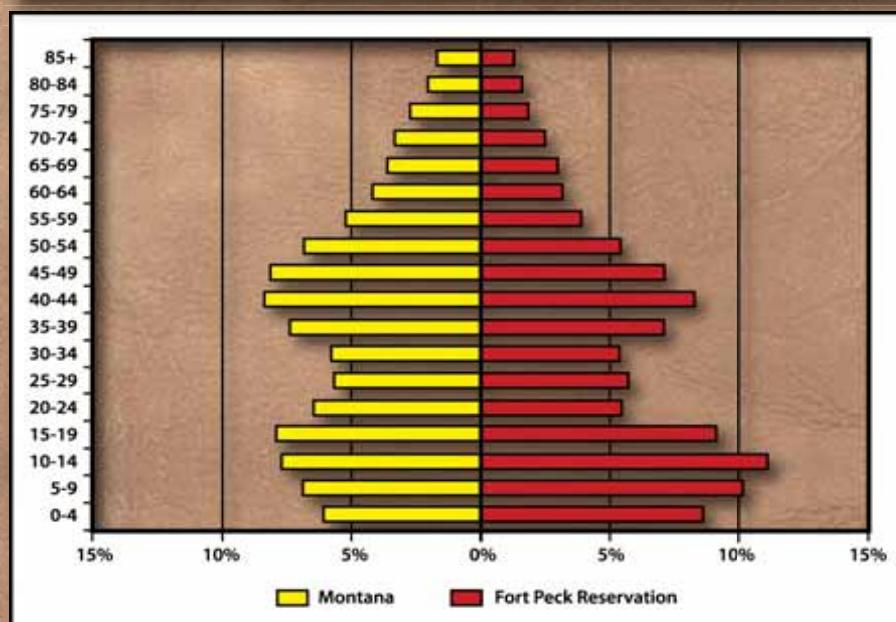
	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Montana Department of Labor and Industry	2005	4,073	3,561	512	12.6%
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	4,375	3,608	767	17.5%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	3,322	1,544	1,778	53.5%

Fort Peck Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	3,608	1,602
Male:	1,803	754
Management, professional, and related occupations	714	238
Service occupations	241	164
Sales and office occupations	222	54
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	70	23
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	310	164
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	246	111
Female:	1,805	848
Management, professional, and related occupations	743	299
Service occupations	462	278
Sales and office occupations	552	256
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	19	2
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	1	0
Production, transport., and material moving occupations	28	13

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Fort Peck Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Fort Peck Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total	2,890	\$24,622
Total Private	1,286	\$19,840
Goods Producing	78	\$24,313
Construction	13	\$18,897
Manufacturing	54	\$25,455
Service Providing	1,208	\$19,550
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	471	\$21,961
Wholesale Trade	48	\$27,421
Retail Trade	361	\$18,510
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	42	\$25,739
Building Materials and Garden and Equipment Supplies Dealers	39	\$16,681
Food and Beverage Stores	81	\$16,868
Grocery Stores	71	\$15,996
Gasoline Stations	125	\$19,951
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	29	\$16,932
Information	43	\$15,415
Financial Activities	57	\$21,922
Finance and Insurance	43	\$26,759
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	29	\$28,658
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	14	\$22,869
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	14	\$7,525
Professional and Business Services	57	\$16,335
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	25	\$24,556
Legal Services	10	\$19,159
Admin. and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	32	\$9,884
Education and Health Services	294	\$26,191
Leisure and Hospitality	209	\$8,906
Accommodation	53	\$10,060
Food Services and Drinking Places	156	\$8,513
Full Service Restaurants	52	\$7,441
Limited Service Eating Places	85	\$9,207
Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	20	\$8,347
Other Services	66	\$11,174
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	36	\$9,182
Total Government	1,604	\$28,456
Federal Government	209	\$47,882
State Government	82	\$33,752
Local Government	1,313	\$25,038
Local Government Education	589	\$28,478
Local Government Non-Education	725	\$22,228

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses